

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

--A storage apparatus that connects to a removable medium. The storage apparatus includes a first interface unit having a first port, a second interface unit having a second port, and a control unit that controls the first port and the second port. The control unit sets the second port in a disabled state responsive to access of the removable medium through the first port by a first external apparatus. The control unit sets the first port in the disabled state responsive to access of the removable medium through the second port by a second external apparatus. ~~To provide a storage apparatus that makes it possible to exclusively control external apparatuses that access a removable medium such as a memory card. In the case where a first external apparatus connected to a 1394 port accesses the memory card, the storage apparatus sets a USB port in a disabled state. In the case where a second external apparatus connected to the USB port accesses the memory card, the storage apparatus sets the 1394 port in the disabled state. As a result, the storage apparatus exclusively controls access to the memory card.--~~